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Dear Ms McKay

Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project – Applicant's Procedural Deadline A submission and response to Rule 6 letter

Planning Inspectorate Application Ref: WA010002

This letter provides Southern Water Services Limited's (Applicant) submission in support of the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (Project) at Procedural Deadline A and sets out the Applicant's response to the Rule 6 letter issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 6 October 2026 (Rule 6 Letter).

Procedural Deadline A

The Applicant has set out below a list of documents submitted at Procedural Deadline A:

Document Title	Version	Reason for submission
New documents		
8.1 Applicant's Cover Letter	0	This letter sets out the documents submitted by the Applicant at Procedural Deadline A and provides a response to the Rule 6 Letter.
8.2 WRMP24 Position Statement	0	This document is provided to assist the examination in view of the draft timetable published with the Rule 6 letter and the examination activities (including the initial hearings on 11 and 12 November and the publication of the Examining Authority's first written questions on 2 December 2026).
Updated documents		
1.3 Guide to the Application	4	This document provides an updated list of documents submitted to the Examining Authority to date.

Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1) and Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)

The Applicant welcomes confirmation of the Preliminary Meeting, OFH1 and ISH1.

The Applicant will be attending the Preliminary Meeting, OFH1 and ISH1 and requests that the Examining Authority and Planning Inspectorate takes this letter as the Applicant's registration to speak at that meeting and those hearings.

The Applicant will share a list of people who will be attending the Preliminary Meeting, OFH1 and ISH1 on its behalf with the Planning Inspectorate in the Excel spreadsheet template that the Planning Inspectorate has provided. The Applicant's representatives will primarily attend in-person but the Applicant advises that one topic expert who may be called upon during ISH1 will be joining online. The Applicant's list of attendees will clearly identify which individuals will be speaking and which will be attending online or in-person and will include all other requested information.

Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

The Applicant notes the Examining Authority's request in the Rule 6 Letter for SoCGs to be prepared with the following parties:

a) National Highways;

b) Portsmouth Water Limited;

c) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited;

d) Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust; and

e) Gosport Borough Council.

The Applicant confirms that it is preparing SoCGs with all of the above, other than Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. The Applicant is currently awaiting confirmation from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust that it wants to develop an SoCG with Applicant.

Accompanied site inspection (ASI)

The Applicant will include its suggested locations for the ASI (along with all others submitted by interested parties at Procedural Deadline A) in the draft itinerary for the ASI that will be submitted at Deadline 1.

Updates to water quality monitoring

The water quality modelling used to underpin the assessment of water quality impacts of the Project on the Havant Thicket Reservoir was completed in August 2025. The Applicant has since updated the water quality modelling to include revised modelling data issued in November 2025. The revised modelling data reflects changes in the design of the Havant Thicket Reservoir which simplifies the bathymetry of the reservoir bed by removing the two separate basins that previously created a deep pocket of poorer-quality water.

The Applicant will update and submit the following Application documents at Deadline 1 to reflect the updated water quality modelling:

- ES Chapter 19 Water Environment [APP-098];
- ES Appendix 19.2 Water Environment Regulations compliance assessment [APP-197]; and
- ES Appendix 19.11 Havant Thicket Reservoir water quality modelling [APP-206].

The Applicant confirms that the updated water quality modelling (which includes the revised modelling data issued in November 2025) does not materially change the outcomes of assessments presented in ES Chapter 19 Water Environment [APP-098] or ES Appendix 19.2 Water Environment Regulations compliance assessment [APP-197]. Therefore, the findings remain valid and no changes to the significance of the effects assessed in the Environment Statement are required. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries about our response.

Yours sincerely,



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